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25 Palm Sunday	26 Home Learning Co-op w/ Stephanie Howie 9-1:45pm (PH)	27 PREP Spring Break	28 Arbutus Mass 10:30am Mandarin RCIA 6-7pm (PH) 普通話道理班 6:00pm English RCIA 7:00-8:30pm (PH)	29 Holy Thursday 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration at the Altar of repose until 11:00pm	30 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10:00am 3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross 7:00am (Cantonese)	31 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00pm Liturgy with the Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation



March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018

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Parish Office Hours
Mon-Fri 8:30AM-4PM

Weekend Masses
廣東話主日提前彌撒: 星期六
下午四時

Sat 4 PM (Cantonese),
5:30 PM
Sun 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

Weekday Masses
Mon-Sat 8 AM
Public Holidays 9 AM

Confession
20 minutes before all
weekend Masses and
15 minutes before all
weekday Masses

Morning Prayer
Mon-Sat 7:30 AM

Adoration
Fri 8:30-9:30 AM
1st Fri 8:30 AM-6:30 PM

Holy Rosary
Mon-Sat after the 8 AM
Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet
10 minutes before all
weekend Masses

Visit to the Sick
Please call Parish Office
or Emergency number
604-729-7638

Baptisms
by appointment

Marriages
at least 6 months notice

March 4, 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mar 03 1st Saturday, Ferial (P).....Lucille Wilkinson (AM) INT
Mary Louise Chan (PM) +
- Mar 04 3rd Sunday of Lent (P).....Adolfo Acena INT
- Mar 05 Monday, Ferial (P).....Tianli Tang INT
- Mar 06 Tuesday, Ferial (P).....Peter Markin +
- Mar 07 Wednesday, Ferial (P).....Resela Wong-Sing INT
- Mar 08 Thursday, Ferial (P).....Arden Leung +
- Mar 09 Friday, Ferial (P).....Tianli Tang INT
- Mar 10 Saturday, Ferial (P).....Peter Markin (AM) +
Felix & Cecilia Chan (PM) +

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS: If you would like to become a member of the St. John the Apostle Parish Community, please complete a Parish Registration Form (located by the bulletin board near the main door of the Church) and introduce yourself to the priests. Envelopes are assigned to those who request for them. Please pick them up at the church vestibule or at the Parish Office.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PARISH REGISTRATION AND USE OF PARISH SUNDAY ENVELOPES: Some Church goers are requesting from the parish Letters of Good Standing or Reference Letters as part of Baptism and/or Confirmation Sponsor documents or for other religious certifications or wanting their children enter a Catholic Elementary or Secondary School. The only official and ordinary way to obtain them is to register in the parish and the regular use of envelopes so that when the time comes, it will be based on official records. This is to avoid unnecessary frustrations and misunderstandings when one claims that he/she attends Mass but does not use envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Please Pray for the Sick

Joan Archer, Dympna Borowski, Maria Amelia Dias, George Murray, Monika & Adrian Poiron, Lisa Marie & Shanto Mark, Jeannine Tattie, Bernadette Percy, Elizabeth Schwertfeger, May Wong, Claire Harrison, Margaret Wong, Ruby Ko, Margaret Browne, Mane Galbraith, Ramon & Maria Marfori, Fr. Peter Chiang, Margaret Frizell, Guaik Tanjuaquio, Mark Siy, Maravilla Melchor, Edwin & Suzanne Pearson, Ann Monahan, Peggy Gunn, Mary Cajucom, Margaret Redmond



**Adults Catechism Classes:
(RCIA)**

English: Wednesday 7:00 pm
Mandarin: Wednesday 6:00 pm
Cantonese: Saturday 2:30 pm

廣東話道理班: 星期六下午二時半
普通話道理班: 星期三晚上六時

Lenten Mass and Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm

Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving are the spiritual hallmarks of the Christian Life during Lent. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also an important part of this holy season.

**MAKE
LENT
COUNT**
PRAY - ACT - GIVE



Holy Days Choir

The choir at St. John the Apostle has greatly enriched our Christmas and Easter liturgies over the years due to the dedication and hard work of a number of individuals.

Unfortunately, over the past few years, several of our long-time choir members have had to retire from the choir – for a variety of reasons.

We know that there are many more able singers in the congregation that are presently in one of our two choirs, and this is an urgent plea to consider taking part in this very rewarding contribution to our liturgy. Being able to read music, while highly desirable, is not absolutely essential. Our practices are opportunities both to learn and also have a lot of fun. Any choir member can confirm that!!

Choir practices to prepare for the Easter Triduum liturgy are held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 P.M. Please consider coming to join us – and remember the old saying “Those who sing pray twice”!

LIVING LENT with the Guadalupe Faith Study group. You are welcome to an evening reflection and Lectio Divina to deepen your Lenten journey. We will meet from 6:30 to 7:45pm on **Tuesday, March 6th** (Theme: *Creating a Lenten Atmosphere*) and **Tuesday, March 13th** (Theme: *Living the 3 Holy Days; Sacred Triduum*)

Lenten Initiatives for St. John the Apostle Parish

1. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** 10 minutes before all weekend Masses. Please come early to church before Mass to prepare oneself spiritually for Mass and Holy Communion and to meditate on the Passion of Christ. Let's pray together for the gift of conversion and the for the work of evangelization at our parish.

2. New website: **SJAPARISH.CA** with the on-line platform of **SJA.FORMED.ORG**.

FORMED is the revolutionary digital platform that gives unprecedented access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. 300+ episodes of video-based study programs, 35+ feature films and movies, 45+ audio presentations, 25+ eBooks Available in English and Spanish!

The access code of **SJA.FORMED.ORG** for our parishioners is: **TWNH4F**

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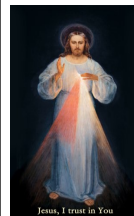
**Lenten Penitential Services at
St. John the Apostle Parish
Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 7:00PM**

Do not be afraid of Confession! Jesus is there... and He receives you with so much love. - Pope Francis



DO IT YOURSELF PARISH RETREAT

using Fr. Michael Gaitley's book
Retreat starts on March 6, 2018



Fr. Gaitley guides us throughout each of the 33-days in the footsteps of St. Thérèse of Lisieux's "Little Way" towards sainthood. He also reassures us not to worry if we miss a day or two, just make up for the days missed.

Retreat will end with **communal consecration to Merciful Love on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018**



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Let us continue to keep one another in our prayers during this lent season

Therese decided to enter Carmel

The young Therese of Lisieux was a very sensitive girl and that had become an obstacle of her growing in virtue. However, the Infant Jesus granted her a special grace on Christmas Day, 1886.

That Christmas, after Midnight Mass, Therese overheard her father remark with impatience that he hoped this would be the last year for the custom of filling Therese's shows with Christmas gifts. Normally Therese would have dissolved in tears, but that night she felt a new inner strength, and in order to make her father happy she behaved as if the Christmas custom gave her a great deal of joy. Therese said, "The work I had been unable to do in ten years was done by Jesus in one instant." She gained in a moment and for good a self-mastery she seemed to have lost at the death of her mother when she was four.

Therese saw the Christmas Night of 1886 as her "conversion". Soon after it, Therese heard much talk of a notorious criminal, Pranzini, who was sentenced to death for murders. Pranzini was quite impenitent, and everyone feared he would be eternally lost. Therese did her best to pray for the conversion of Pranzini. She prayed: "My God, I am quite sure that Thou wilt pardon this unhappy Pranzini. I should still think so if he did not confess his sins or give any sign of sorrow, because I have such confidence in Thy unbounded Mercy; but this is my first sinner, and therefore I beg for just one sign of repentance to reassure me."

The day after the execution of Pranzini, Therese opened the newspaper. Pranzini showed signs of repentant at the last moment when he seized the crucifix which the Priest was offering to him, and kissed Our Lord's Sacred Wounds three times. After that, the desire for the salvation of souls increased in the heart of Therese day by day.

Therese's love for Our Lord grew. She loved to read the spiritual classic----Imitation of Christ. She wrote, "It was the only book which did me good, for I had not yet found the treasures hidden in the Holy Gospels. I always had it with me, to the amusement of my people at home. My aunt used often to open it, and make me repeat by heart the first chapter she chanced to light upon."

Her sister, Celine had become the most intimate sharer of her thoughts, especially since her "conversion" at Christmas. And Therese also grew in the area of self-sacrifice, which seemed to come more easily and without hesitation.

Therese loved to receive Holy Communion frequently. She pointed out that Jesus "does not come down from Heaven each day in order to remain in a golden ciborium, but to find another Heaven—the Heaven of our souls in which He takes such delight." Therese's confessor allowed her to go to Holy Communion several times a week. This permission filled her heart with joy.

Therese desired to enter the Carmel. She chose the contemplative life because of the missionary role of prayer-----particularly the prayer for priests which the Lisieux Carmelites made their special work.

Therese first shared her desire with Celine. And on Pentecost 1887 she told her father of her decision to enter the Carmel. Both father and daughter wept. Therese recalled: "He spoke to me as Saints speak, and showed me some flowers growing in the low stone wall. Picking one of them, he gave it to me, and explained the loving care with which God had made it spring up and grow till now." Little Therese was like a little flower reserved for God. Her father gave her permission to enter religious life.